Memorandum

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Subject: Microbial Safety of Produce Public Meetings

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Washington, D.C. May 19, 1998

Miami, FL May 21, 1998

San Diego, CA May 27, 1998

Attached to this memorandum, you will find the original transcripts from the public meetings held on May 19, 1998 in Washington, DC; May 21, 1998 in Miami, FL; and May 27, 1998 in San Diego, CA. The topic of discussion during each of these meetings was the President's initiative to ensure the safety of imported and domestic fruits and vegetables and other foods, and specifically, the microbial safety of produce. The meetings were intended to give an overview of, and obtain comment on, the general draft guide entitled, "Guidance for Industry: Guide to Minimize Microbial Food Safety Hazards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables".

Attached to each transcript, you will also find a 3.5" floppy computer disc which contains the contents of each, respective transcript. The contents of each disc are readable in Word and/or WordPerfect format. Copies of the discs have also been forwarded to CFSAN'S Office of Constituent Operations for posting of the transcripts on FDA's Internet site.

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If you have any questions concerning the contents of this memorandum, please do not hesitate to contact me. 1 can be reached by telephone at 202-260-1195.

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Attachments:

Transcript w/ disc of May 19, 1998 Public Meeting in Washington, DC Transcript w/ disc of May 21, 1998 Public Meeting in Miami, FL Transcript w/ disc of May 27, 1998 Public Meeting in San Diego, CA